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THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CDU/CSU
BULLETIN "UNION INTERNATIONAL" INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING
REPORT OF THE SEPTEMBER 6-8 VISIT TO BONN BY PRESIDENT
FREITAS DO AMARAL OF THE PORTUGUESE CDS:

"FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH PROFESSOR AMARAL (CDS)

"ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR TALKS IN BONN, THE PRESIDENT
OF PORTUGAL'S DEMOCRATIC SOCIAL CENTRE (CDS), PROFESSOR
AMARAL, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION OF
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, KAI-UWE VON HASSEL, UNDERLINED THAT
ALL THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN EUROPE WERE MORE THAN EVER
REQUIRED TO COOPERATE. THE TWO POLITICIANS CONDUCTED
INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
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THE EUROPEAN UNION OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND THE CDS,

WHICH COOPERATION SHOULD BE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE IN
ORDER TO

"1.) BRING ABOUT PORTUGAL'S ADMISSION TO THE COUNCIL
OF EUROPE AND

"2.) ESTABLISH CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

"PROFESSOR AMARAL BRIEFED THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN
UNION OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, HERR VON HASSEL, ON THE
POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN PORTUGAL
AND SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY'S MAIN PROBLEM WAS TO OVERCOME
THE ECONOMIC CRISIS. IN THAT CONTEXT HE STRESSED THAT
HIS PARTY, EVEN THOUGH IN OPPOSITION, INTENDED TO
SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT IN TACKLING THE FIRST STAGE OF
THE FIGHT AGAINST THE ECONOMIC CRISIS. IN HIS
CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION OF CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATS, HERR VON HASSEL ASSURED PROFESSOR AMARAL THAT
THE EUCD-MEMBERS WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO
ASSIST PORTUGAL ECONOMICALLY BOTH AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL
AND THROUGH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

"PROFESSOR AMARAL INFORMED HERR VON HASSEL FURTHERMORE
THAT IN HIS OPINION A CONCEIVABLE UNION OF THE FORCES
ON THE EXTREME RIGHT AND A COUP BY THESE FORCES
CONSTITUTED THE GREATEST THREAT IN THE POLITICAL FIELD,
WHILE THE DANGER OF A COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER, THOUGH STILL
EXISTING, DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AN IMMINENT POSSIBILITY."
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